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When Selecting Your Christmas Gifts

Do not forget that we have a magnificent line of Cut Glass, Japanese and French China Cups and Saucers, Cake Sets, Salad Sets, Chocolate Sets, Whipped Cream Sets, Mayonaise Sets and, in fact, a large assortment of the best Chinaware for you to select from. A beautiful line of Manicure and Sewing Sets in the best material. Anything you can think of in High Grade Cutlery. Guns and Rifles. You will make no mistake if you examine our lines before you make your Christmas purchases. Remember, we stand at the "Top Notch" for quality. We have the goods and a call on us is all we ask. We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas.

Coffins and Caskets.

Kingstree Hardware Co.
EVENTUALLY--WHY NOT NOW?

We Lead--Others Follow.

THE PRESIDENT MARRIES AGAIN.

**MRS. EDITH BOLLING GALT BE-
COMES MRS. WOODROW WIL-
SON--A QUIET WEDDING.**

Washington, December 18:—President Wilson and Mrs Edith Bolling Galt were married at 8:30 tonight and left afterwards to spend their honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. The President and his bride traveled in a private car attached to a special train leaving here at 11:10 o'clock. At Hot Springs Mr and Mrs Wilson will live at the Homestead hotel until after New Year's day unless some development should necessitate the President's earlier return to the capitol. Two of the White House automobiles have been sent on ahead and the couple expect to spend their honeymoon motoring, golfing and walking over the mountain trails. Beside the secret service guard, the party was accompanied by one stenographer. The President will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

All arrangements for the wedding ceremony were carried out perfectly, the President arriving at his bride's home soon after 8 o'clock and the remainder of the wedding party, which numbered less than 30, following soon after. The ceremony was begun, as had been arranged, at 8:30 o'clock and was followed by a buffet luncheon. Mrs Wilson was married in the traveling gown she wore to the train.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the President and Mrs Wilson entered a waiting White House automobile and motored to Alexandria, across the Potomac, to take their private car there and avoid a crowd at the railroad station in this city. They boarded their car there at 11:40 p. m. and began their journey to Hot Springs.

After the President and his bride had departed Secretary Tumulty made this formal statement on the ceremony:

"The wedding was marked by simplicity. It was just such a wedding as might have taken place in the humblest American home."

The Rev Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St Margaret's Protestant Episcopal church, of which the bride is a communicant, was waiting beneath the canopy to perform the ceremony, and with, to assist, was the President's pastor, the Rev James H Taylor of the Central Presbyterian church.

Mrs William H Bollinger, the bride's mother, gave her away. The President stood to the right of the minister, as customary, and the bride stood on their left. At once Dr Smith began the words of the Episcopal marriage service, the President making his responses first and then the bride making hers. After the bride promised to "love, cherish and obey," the President placed the wedding ring, a plain band of gold, upon her finger, and then, after a prayer, while the couple clasped their right hands together, Dr Smith declared them man and wife.

Hot Springs, Va, December 19:—President Wilson and his bride, the former Mrs Norman Galt, arrived here shortly after 9 o'clock this morning to spend their honeymoon. They were met at the station by a crowd of several hundred people, who applauded as they alighted from their private car. They went immediately to the hotel in an automobile.

The distinguished couple, upon whom the eyes of the nation turned last night when they were married in Washington, came here to begin their married life in the seclusion of the mountains of the State in which both of them were born.

ORDERS HIS OWN CASKET.

**Charles Johnson, Light Tender at
Winyah Bay, Suicides.**

Georgetown, December 20:—Chas Johnson, keeper of the lights on the western channel of Winyah bay, committed suicide Saturday night at his home on South Island, using a thirty-two caliber pistol. For some months Johnson had suffered from tuberculosis of the throat, and had reached the point where he was starving because of his inability to swallow. He had made repeated threats to kill himself. Saturday night his wife, after making him as comfortable as she could, retired to her room and slept. Sunday morning early she went to his room and to her horror found her husband dead with a bullet through his head. The dead man still grasped the weapon with which his death had been accomplished. The bullet entered the head just above the right ear and passed entirely through, fracturing the skull, but not passing out. Death must have been instantaneous.

The Coroner held an inquest yesterday and a verdict of suicide was rendered. Johnson left a number of notes to persons in this city and elsewhere. To the Coroner he addressed a note asserting that an inquest was unnecessary—that his death was by his own hand and intentional. To the inspector of light-houses, with headquarters in Charleston, he addressed a communication notifying him of his passing and recommending a man as his successor. To his physician he wrote, deploring the law which prevented his getting a sufficiency of cocaine to relieve his suffering. He also wrote a note to a local undertaker, ordering a casket. Several weeks ago Johnson came to the city and purchased a casket. He made a careful selection and went so far as to get into the casket and try it.

Ginners' Report.

Washington, December 20:—The seventh cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 a. m. today, announced that 10,303,253 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 had been ginned prior to December 13. That compares with 13,972,229 bales, or 87.8 per cent of the entire crop ginned prior to December 13 of last year. The report shows that in South Carolina there were ginned to December 13 this year 1,098,226 bales, against 1,328,482 last year.

BIG FIRE AT LAKE CITY.

**Sauls-Baker Department Store
and Halcyon Hotel Destroyed.**

Lake City, December 23:—Fire which broke out at 1:30 this morning in the Sauls-Baker Company's store destroyed the entire stock of goods and buildings occupied by the store and the Halcyon Hotel. The loss on these properties is estimated at more than fifty thousand dollars, with insurance of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Notice to Pension Applicants.

I will be in the Auditor's office on each and every Saturday in January, 1916, to fill in applications for pensions. Parties interested had better appear in person or by competent proxy. Sending out blanks have caused much trouble to the pension board. Very respectfully,
H H KINDER,
Pension Com.

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Local dealers have provided themselves with an extra large quantity of choice fresh fruits, nuts and confections for the season's festivities.

Stoves! - Stoves! - Stoves! Wire Fencing.

To make room for our fall stock we are making special prices on Cook Stoves and wire Fencing. Come in, let us show you and make you prices.

WILLIAMSBURG HARDWARE COMPANY,
Headquarters for Guaranteed Goods.

For Sale:---

Three-fourth acre Residence Lot on East Main Street. Two buildings. Cheap.

Gourdin & Harper, Kingstree, S. C.

MASS MEETING OF COUNTY TAXPAYERS.

**IMPORTANT MEETING CALLED
BY COUNTY DELEGATION FOR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.**

It being apparent to members of the delegation from the sentiment of taxpayers throughout this county that certain changes and regulations in the laws governing the county are desired, a mass meeting of the taxpayers of Williamsburg county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Kingstree on Tuesday, December 28, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering and discussing plans for improvement in the county's road and school system and such other matters as may, in the judgment of the people, pertain to the welfare of all citizens alike.

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LIEUT. GOV. BETHEASPEAKS.

**South Carolinian Delivers Ad-
dress in Christiania, Norway.**

London, December 20:—A Copenhagen dispatch says that members of the Ford peace party spoke last evening before the Norwegian Student union in Christiania. The American minister, Albert G Schmedeman, and the rector of the University of Christiania were in the audience, which crowded the hall.

Henry Ford was prevented from speaking by influenza, but the Rev Jenkins Lloyd Jones and Lieutenant Governor Andrew J Bethea of South Carolina addressed the meeting. Lewis P Lochner, general secretary of the expedition, explained the intentions of Mr Ford and his co-workers. The Norwegian chairman of the meeting gave assurance of the students' genuine interest.

Mr Thos McCutchen, the live-wire agent for Ford autos, has been unable for some time to get any cars, but he has been advised that a car load of these popular machines has been shipped and he expects them to reach Kingstree about January 1. Mr McCutchen is also agent for the Dodge Brothers Car, which is becoming very popular.

Lyceum Attractions Coming.

To the Citizens of Kingstree:

This year, against the advice of its friends and in spite of warnings that the effort would result in a failure, the school has undertaken to promote the lyceum course for the coming season. It has two reasons for doing this. The school and the lyceum course join forces for the promulgation of information and culture. The lyceum has for its scope a sphere which the school can hardly reach and which is most necessary in the development of its boys and girls. It inculcates high ideals of art. It brings to our attention the world's latest ideas. This undisputed fact is the foremost reason why the school supports enthusiastically the lyceum course. The second is that the school is in urgent need of funds with which to carry on its work efficiently and live up to its own ideals and your expectations. You have been so loyally generous when appealed to that we do not hesitate to approach you whenever necessary, knowing that we shall meet with sympathetic enthusiasm. But when it is possible for us to help ourselves and thus relieve you, we are delighted to do so. The lyceum course offers such an opportunity. We are sure when two such excellent reasons for asking your support are brought to your attention it is not necessary to urge you to make a decision by which you are not only benefiting yourself but enabling an organization of which you are considered a loyal supporter to reach a higher degree of efficiency.

The course this season is sent us by the Alkalest Lyceum bureau, whose standards and reputation are universally conceded to be above criticism. The numbers have all been submitted for our approval, and we say without hesitation that it is a programme that you will enjoy thoroughly. The first number is the Dorva DeLeon company, with a musical programme of high appeal. They will appear here on the evening of the 27th. Show your spirit of progress and loyalty by appearing at the school auditorium Monday evening, December 27.

Mayor Tristram T Hyde was on Monday of this week inaugurated as Mayor of the city of Charleston. J P Grace, the retiring Mayor, took an active part in the inaugural exercises.

WE take this method of
thanking all of our
friends for their past
favors and extend to them
our very best wishes for a
Merry Christmas and a
happy New Year.

The King Hardware Company
The Popular Hardware Store
Kingstree, - - South Carolina



MERRY CHRISTMAS. YOU SHOULD SEE THE HAPPY FACES THAT CAME INTO OUR BANK TO GET SOME OF THE MONEY THEY BANKED DURING THE PAST YEAR TO BUY PRESENTS FOR THEIR FRIENDS.
SOME CAME IN TO START BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN (THE BEST PRESENT OF ALL). SOME START BANK ACCOUNTS BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR SO AS TO GET A GOOD RUNNING START.
THEY WILL BE HAPPY NEXT YEAR.
BANK WITH US.
WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.
Farmers & Merchants National Bank,
"ABSOLUTELY SAFE" LAKE CITY, S. C.
Loans Made on Cotton at 5 Per Cent.